MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Rs. 9 per cwt.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know what is the rate of duty?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : 20 per cent.

Statement of partition deeds.

303. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total number of partition deeds registered between the years 1100 and 1108 (both inclusive) in the State?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

The Stationary First Class Magistrate at Changanachery.

304. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : With reference to Government Notification R. O. C. No. 2568/33, dated 18-12-1933, in the Government Gazette of 4-5-1109, will the Government be pleased to state why the Stationary First Class Magistrate at Changanachery refuses all petitions and complaints presented to him?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : For the reason the Court was established only to work off arrears in the Kottayam Division First Class Magistrate's Court, in the Taluk Second Class Magistrate's Court, Changanachery, and in the Stationary Magistrate's Court at Ponkunnam.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : When the arrears are cleared here, is there not simultaneous accumulation in those courts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : May I know whether Government is incurring any additional expenditure in allowing Magistrates to entertain new cases?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The First Class Magistrate's Court at Changanachery was specially sanctioned to work off arrears and the Magistrate is doing that. If he is asked to take fresh cases also, the arrears will accumulate in his court.

Transfers of Vernacular School Teachers.

305. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of the transfers of the Vernacular School Teachers made by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools since the beginning of the current school year, with the following particulars :

(*a*) the names of the teachers ;

(*b*) the *pakuthi* or village to which they belong ; and

(*c*) the school from and to which they were transferred ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The time and labour involved in the preparation of the list are out of all proportion to the possible advantage that may be derived from the collection

*Vide Appendix III.

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[Mr. R. M. Statham]

of the above information. Government do not therefore propose to call for the list.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the number of transfers made by an officer forms one of the criteria to test his efficiency?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Certainly not.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the officers are asked to assign reasons for making so many transfers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In the case of English School teachers, yes. In the case of Vernacular School teachers, no.

MR. T. K. VELU PILAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Is there any rule in the department that, so far as it is possible, teachers may be kept only in their native places?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There is no such rule although officers have been advised in that way.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): May I know whether there is not a list kept by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools showing such transfers?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have already answered that Government do not think it worth while to prepare the list. There are a very large number of transfers in that branch of the department.

Construction of buildings for the Trivandrum District and Munsiffs' Courts.

306. *MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by them for the construction of suitable buildings for the Trivandrum District and Munsiffs' Courts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): As Government are not in a position to ear-mark the funds required for the purpose just at present, no steps towards the construction of the buildings have been taken.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether Government are aware that the Civil and Criminal Courts in the town of Trivandrum are situated at different corners of the town?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Government know exactly where they are situated.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether Government are not aware that Vakils who practise in both Civil and Criminal Courts are put to a lot of inconvenience and it also necessitates dislocation of work in the various courts?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I am not in a position to answer.

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